

## Andrew Jackson to Andrew Jackson, Jr., May 13, 1832, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

TO ANDREW JACKSON, JR.

Washington, May 13, 1832.

*My son*, Calculating that you arrived at the Hermitage on the first instant, I had a hope of receiving a line from you or Sarah to day, but in this I am mistaken. I recd. a letter from Mr Steel dated 28th ult. informing me that he had got planted 185 acres in cotton some up, and part of his crop of corn worked over. When your Leisure will permit I will be glad if you will inform me how much cotton he has planted this Spring, and how much corn and other grain, and grass. When I receive your letter, I can better, judge of what reliance can be reposed in his statements.

Your cousin Andrew and myself were truly astonished, at the unaccountable conduct in sending Hutchings after the colts and returning them back, to be an incumbrance there after the engagement made on them here, and I was truly mortified on being informed by Steel that he had turned them into training to run at the spring races in Tenness. I was in hopes, on your arrival you would have started Alexander on with them forthwith, and I still hope you have done this—had the colts not be[en] turned back they would have been now here resting, growing, and fattening; and your filly would, I have no doubt, won the sweepstake in the fall. If she does she [is] worth to you \$8000—may still do it if she gets here in time and before the fly season and Summer is on. do tell me whether Hutchings had not his colt sent for to be trained, and whether others were not to be trained at the turf at the Hermitage. have the Turf closed, plowed up and permit not a horse to be galloped upon it.

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I have nothing new to inform you, more than you will see from the papers. Houston beating Stansbury has taken up better than two weeks, and those high dignitaries and would be privileged order, has voted their power to punish a citizen for whipping a member of Congress distant from the Congress Hall, and when it was not in session by a majority of seventeen. The people will inquire into this act of usurpation, and make these little Tyrants who have thus voted feel the power of the people. I inclose for your amusement a well drew caricature of the Scene, taken from the real facts and deposed to by senator Buckner a witness who was present. preserve it.

Give my love to Sarah and deliver to her the inclosed letter, and make my kind respects to Emma, and Thomas, and to all my connections and good neighbours, and believe me your affectionate father.

P. S. I pray you to hasten the completion of the monument over my Dr wifes Grave—and let not my hands be taken from the crop—we must endeavour to make a good crop this year